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LG, Union Minister inaugurate Jammu Haat Admn aims to extend financial help to 2 lakh artisans, youth of Jammu Div: Sinha Next 25 yrs crucial for nation's growth, progress



LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the inauguration fuction of Jammu Haat.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha along with Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences, and DoPT on Wednesday inaugurated the Jammu Haat at Exhibition Ground.

The Jammu Haat, constructed at a cost of Rs 31.63 Crores is an outcome of the long pending demand of the local craftsmen, especially the women artisans, to have

a state-of-the-art exhibition venue where local crafts can be displayed and they can directly connect with the buyers.

While speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor observed that the Jammu Haat shall act as nerve center of Exhibition Activity of Local Art, Craft and for the sale of various Local Handicrafts, Handloom products and Small Scale Industrial products.

"The inauguration of

Jammu Haat is a celebration of the exquisite workmanship and tradition of the local craftsmen of the UT", he added.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union MoS said that when India is celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mohatsav', 75 years of Independence, the next 25 years are going to be crucial for the nation's growth and progress.

Reiterating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's words, Dr.

Jitendra Singh said that by 2047 when India would emerge as 'Vishwa Guru' on its 100 years of independence, it will be an absolute India consisting of east, west, north, and south, of which Jammu & Kashmir is also a part and thus people of Jammu must remain steadfast and prepare themselves for that important historical moment.

On the ongoing public outreach program in the UT of J&K, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that after PM Narendra Modi took oath for the second term, 'Mission J&K' was strongly emphasized, of which one of the important steps taken has been the extensive public outreach program going on these days.

The Lt Governor noted that Jammu Haat will be a unique marketplace, in the heart of the city and will display the richness of

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Huge misappropriation of funds: CBI raids Sainik School Nagrota, seizes records

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A team of CBI raided Sainik School, Nagrota on Wednesday in connection with alleged misappropriation of huge funds amounting to lakhs. The team, after seizing all relevant records, interrogated the staff including clerks and Vice Principal was for about 10 hours. According to sources, the records scrutinized so far revealed that in years 2019 and 2020, the school management bought goods worth more than Rs 1 crore from open market at expensive prices.

During investigation, it was found that the purchases took place during the tenure

of acting Principal Lt Col Pawan Kumar and Administrative Officer Major Angat, who has been transferred.

CBI team also found that an article, worth Rs 2 lakh in market, was bought for Rs 4 lakh from the market. "School management has issued tenders for it and shopkeepers gave three quotations. It was found that despite quoting high price, the goods were bought from the same shopkeeper at expensive prices from the market rate", CBI sources said adding that back-dated signatures of officers were also found on some of the quotations, due to which

seam in the purchase of school items came to fore.

Sources further said that during last financial year, some clerks were appointed in school from backdoor and even caretaker Principal wasted Government money, for selfish reasons, by installing 22 plastic speed breakers within a distance of 1 kilometer. CBI sources further said that the electronic barrier installed at the gate of the school, which costs around Rs 80,000 in market, was bought for Rs 2.50 lakh, there causing huge appropriation of funds by the school management amounting to lakhs of rupees. The CBI

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Search operation in Uri enters fourth day; phone, internet services restored

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A combing operation launched in Uri sector by the Army after it detected suspicious movement along the Line of Control entered its fourth day on Wednesday, but telephone and internet services have been restored, officials said.

The operation was launched on the night of September 18, and all telecommunication facilities in the border town were suspended on Monday as a precautionary measure, they said.

A defence spokesperson here said the search operation were going on but refused to give out details.

Officials said one soldier had sustained injuries in "initial contact" with the adversary near the fence along the LoC, which

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Normal life hit as protests mark peaceful traders' strike in Jammu



Shops remained closed in Jammu on Wednesday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Normal life was hit across the Jammu region on Wednesday amid a day-long strike call given by the

Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industries (JCCI) to protest against the alleged directionless anti-trade policies of the adminis-

Court paves way for release of monthly relief allowance to over 25,000 Kashmiri migrant families

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a major relief to protesting Kashmiri Pandits, a local court on Wednesday modified its earlier order to pave way for the release of monthly relief allowance to over 25,000 migrant families.

Additional District Judge (Commercial Court) Syed Sarfaraz Hussain Shah passed the order on humanitarian grounds after hearing a plea filed by senior advocate Monika Kohli.

The petition was filed on behalf of the migrant Pandits for modification of the August 26 order which had resulted in stopping of the monthly relief, the only

source of livelihood for some displaced families.

Hearing the long-pending case, the court on August 26 had ordered attachment of major head 2055, sub head 0872 and 1057 of judgement debtors, relief commissioner in connection with a case filed by a contractor who had constructed two-room tenements at Nagrota and Muthi for migrants at a cost of Rs 9.22 crore after getting the contracts between 2005 and 2008.

After receiving the full payment, the builder contested for loss before the sole arbitrator and got an award regarding both the

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SC permits women to take part in upcoming NDA exam

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Wednesday permitted female candidates to appear for the upcoming entrance exam to the NDA in November this year, saying their induction cannot be postponed by one year as sought by the Centre.

Accepting the Centre's submission would effectively mean "no jam today, jam tomorrow" -- an expression for a never-fulfilled promise, the apex court said.

The Centre had told the top court that a notification allowing women candidates to appear for the entrance exam to the

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Two cops among 6 Govt employees sacked for terror links in J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Six government employees, including two policemen, were on Wednesday dismissed from service for their alleged links with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir, taking the total number of employees sacked in last nearly six

months to 25, officials said.

Among those dismissed from service earlier, there were two sons of Pakistan-based Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin and tainted Deputy Superintendent of Police Davinder Singh who was caught along with a wanted

terrorist and two others early this year.

The six employees who were dismissed by the government, include constable Showkat Ahmad Khan, a resident of Budgam who was involved in the looting of service weapons from the house of a member of legisla-

tive council in Srinagar with whom he was posted as a Personal Security Officer in 2018. The policeman was arrested and subsequently detained under the Public Safety Act (PSA) on August 8 last year; the officials said.

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Respectful Homage

**His Excellency
Maharaja Hari Singh Ji
(On his Birth Anniversary)**

Maharaja Hari Singh was a great visionary, true patriot, progressive thinker, social and economic reformer who brought many reforms for the welfare of the general public, like banning of social evils, such as child marriage, female infanticide, sati pratha, untouchability, smoking at public places, etc. For economic and social upliftment of his people, Maharaja Sahab promoted free and compulsory education for all. He also looked into uplifting of the status of women in society by promoting widow re marriages and women health and education.

He treated everybody equal irrespective of their religion, caste or colour and preached brotherhood among all the communities viz. Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians and others.

Maharaja Sahib also remarked that :

**"As a ruler, I have no religion
All religions are mine and my religion is justice"**

It is pertinent to mention that Maharaja Hari Singh was so farsighted that he decided to annex Jammu & Kashmir with India for the welfare of the general public. He knew that India is the country where people have ability to prosper in every respect, live peacefully and extend brotherhood to people of all the religions.

It is needless to say that Maharaja Hari Singh's reign heralded sea of reforms and people friendly policies which endeared him to all his subjects, irrespective of their religion, class or gender and have relevance, importance and usefulness even today.

In view of the above, let us celebrate the Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji with high respect and pay rich tributes to him on this auspicious day.

AJATSHATRU SINGH
Grand Son of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji
Former Cabinet Minister J&K,
President RCT, Jammu & Former MLC

RAN VIJAY SINGH
Great Grand Son of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji
Trustee, Maharaja Hari Singh
Social & Education Foundation, Jammu

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 32.7°C Min: 22.6°C

Humidity
Max: 75 Min: 60

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 27.8°C Min: 16.6°C

Humidity
Max: 71 Min: 46

Sunset : 18:30 Hours
Sunrise : 06:21 Hours